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Mail Stop Amendment

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed December 17, 2004, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, drawn to a shaving apparatus, classified in class 30, subclass 32. Applicant further elects species II, directed to Figures 7, 9, and 10. Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-5, and 9-18 are readable upon the elected species. The election is made with traverse.

The Examiner states, in paragraph 2 of the Office action, that Group I (i.e., claims 1-18) does not require the particulars of the subcombination of Group II (i.e., claims 19-28) as claimed because the subcombination does not require that the secondary under cutter move in response to the primary undercutter. However, like the secondary undercutter of the combination of Group I, the secondary cutter of the subcombination of Group II is disposed for displacement relative to the primary undercutter. Thus, in response to the primary undercutter, the secondary cutter of the subcombination of Group II is displaced relative to the primary under cutter. Applicant, therefore, requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

The Examiner notes, in paragraph 3 of the Office action, that the process of Group III (i.e., claims 29-35) can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus such as a shaving apparatus where the undercutters are moved by turning a manual crank mechanism. The

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